

Dragon City DFAC soon to be completed



An Afghan contractor removes the old ceiling panel from the Dragon City dining facility. The DFAC, which has been closed for renovations, will re-open for breakfast Monday.

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — After months of stepping over wood, ducking under beams and racing to see who will be the first to get the last open table in the dining facility, troops may be wondering when renovations on the Dragon City DFAC will be complete.

According to the Facility Engineer Team, Base Operations Engineering, the DFAC is in the final stages of renovation, and the end product should be ready and up and running in about three weeks.

“The contractors have been working on the DFAC for a little over two months now, completing section by section in phases,” said Capt. Ralph Adams, project manager, FET 20, 416th Engineers, San Francisco. “We

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Students welcome the return to their classes

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Students, teachers, the Deputy Ministry of Education and soldiers from the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operation Task Force gathered to celebrate the opening of the restored Mahmood Hotaky School Saturday.

The ceremony marked the conclusion of a two-month rebuilding project for the school that was badly damaged during the fighting for the city of Kabul.

“This rebuilding project emphasizes the commitment of the national government of Afghanistan and Kabul, with the assistance of the United States, to reestablish education in this country for all of its citizens,” said Col. Donald Fuller, CJCMOTF project engineer.

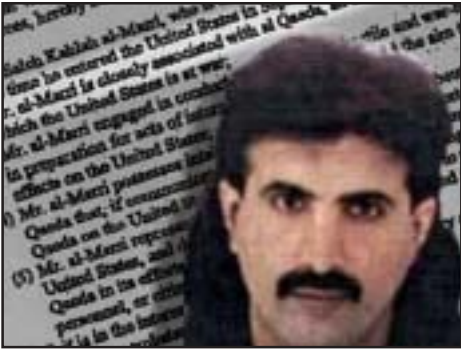
The school will serve over 4,000 boys and girls in the Kota Sangy district of Kabul. The project to restore the two-story school



Students of Mahmood Hotaky start classes in their new classroom.

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Ali Saleh Kahlah al-Marri.

Al-Qaida suspect declared 'enemy combatant'

WASHINGTON — A Qatari man President Bush designated an "enemy combatant" Monday was an al-Qaida sleeper operative tasked with helping other militants get in position for future attacks, Justice Department officials said.

The officials said an al-Qaeda detainee provided that information on Ali Saleh Kahlah al-Marri, 37, who has been in U.S. custody since December 2001 and was under an indictment charging him with making false statements to the FBI and credit card fraud.

The detainee also said al-Marri was trained in the use of poisons but was not ordered to carry out a biological or chemical attack in the United States, the officials said.

It was the second time since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that Bush has transferred a defendant from the criminal justice system to more restrictive military custody, where he is afforded fewer rights.

Narrow use of affirmative action preserved in college admissions

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that race can be a factor for universities shaping their admissions programs, saying a broad social value may be gained from diversity in the classroom.

But race cannot be an overriding factor for schools' admissions programs, the court ruled, saying that such plans can lead to unconstitutional policies.

In separate decisions the high court struck down a point system used by the University of Michigan's undergraduate programs but approved a separate policy used



Students on the University of Michigan campus celebrate Monday's rulings by the Supreme Court.

by the University of Michigan law school that gives race less prominence in the admissions decision-making process.

The law school program was upheld by a vote of 5-4, with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor providing the swing vote by siding with more liberal jurists. The undergraduate program was overturned 6-3.

U.S. frees detainees from clash

WASHINGTON — Most of the 20 people detained when U.S. special operations forces attacked a convoy in western Iraq last week have been released, a U.S. defense official said Monday.

Officials said the convoy of six or seven vehicles was attacked last week as part of a U.S. effort to target suspected Iraqi regime leaders trying to escape into Syria. They say there was no specific information to indicate Saddam Hussein or his two sons were in the convoy.

The defense official said forensic teams continued to look at the attack site to determine who might have been killed.

"Routine DNA testing will be done if appropriate, based on all available intelligence," the official said.

Apple: New Power Macs world's fastest PCs

LOS ANGELES — Apple Computer introduced on Monday its new "G5" computer chip, a breakthrough design by International Business Machines which can handle twice as much data at once as traditional PC microchips.

The maker of Macintosh computers also said that its new online iTunes music store

had sold 5 million song downloads since its inception eight weeks ago.

Cupertino-California-based Apple introduced a new desktop computer based on the G5 chip, which can manage 64 bits of data at once, compared with 32 bits for traditional computers.

"The PowerPC G5 changes all the rules. This 64-bit race car is the heart of our new Power Mac G5, now the world's fastest desktop computer," said Steve Jobs, Apple's co-founder and chief executive.

Calif.'s Davis says he won't resign

WASHINGTON — Dismissing a recall effort as "divisive partisan mischief," embattled California Gov. Gray Davis said Monday he would "absolutely not" step aside even if his gubernatorial tenure goes before voters as a referendum.

"I'm not going to retreat," Davis, a Democrat, vowed in an interview with CNN's "Judy Woodruff's Inside Politics."

Davis, re-elected in November to a second term, said he is "working hard on the job" during what he described as "difficult days" for California, suffering from a weak economy.

In large part, the recall effort is being paid for by Republican Rep. Darrell Issa, a possible contender to replace Davis. Another possible GOP rival is actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Jurors get look at windshield death photos

FORT WORTH, Texas — Jurors saw pictures of the twisted, bruised and bloody body of a homeless man Monday as a former nurse's aide went on trial on charges she hit him with her car, drove home with his body lodged grotesquely in the windshield and left him to die in her garage.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys in the murder case both said Chante Jawan Mallard, 27, smoked pot, took Ecstasy and drank heavily in the hours before she hit Gregory Biggs on a highway in the early hours of Oct. 26, 2001. The defense doesn't dispute what happened, but says it was an accident, not murder.

More choices via soldier-operated dining

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — About a 1,000 meals are served seven days a week. It's a daily job that only one team of soldiers here does.

Food service specialists from the 229th Aviation Regiment and the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, both from Fort Bragg, N.C., make sure there is always hot food on the table.

Even though Kellogg Brown and Root Services have dining facilities on Bagram, it was decided in early 2002 that the 82nd Airborne Division compound would have a dining facility run completely by soldiers.

The eight-person team has the advantage as the only non-contracted dining facility on Bagram, according to Pfc. George Vanwart, 2-505 PIR.

"We kind of make our own menu," said Vanwart.

The chow hall receives the same supplies and menu items as every other DFAC here; yet, this team likes to go out of their way, adding to its uniqueness. And they still keep the standard.

"We come in about two hours earlier and stay about four hours later," said Vanwart.

"We make it better by having a main line and a short order line," said Spc. Matthew Gordon, 2-505 PIR.

Unlike the other dining facilities on Bagram, servicemembers can choose to go in the short



Spc. Aaron Wilson (left) 229th Aviation Regiment and Spc. James Dill, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, both from Fort Bragg, N.C., chop cauliflower, preparing for Saturday night's meal here. The 82nd Airborne Division compound's dining facility is completely run by soldiers, unlike Bagram's other DFACs.

order line and get right-from-the-grill grilled cheese sandwiches and hamburgers.

"We just try to follow the same standard we would as in the rear," said Spc. Aaron Wilson, 2-505 PIR.

Unlike Brown and Root, they have more responsibilities as soldiers.

"(Brown and Root) doesn't have to deal with Army standards as civilians," said Wilson.

"We work 17 hour days," said Gordon. They also have other responsibilities, like daily

physical training and guard duty.

Sometimes the soldiers feel overwhelmed with so much weight on their shoulders, but they get by through teamwork.

If one of the soldiers is granted down time and ends up with guard duty the same day, three soldiers will split up the shift, said Gordon.

"As long as everyone has a good attitude and there is a lot of humor involved, it makes the day go by better," said Spc. Devon Thornton, 3-229th Avn. Regt.

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couldn't shut the DFAC down completely because it was needed to even out the number of troops dining in each DFAC. The base population was too large to lose the facility to reconstruction."

With the final pieces of reconstruction underway, the last of the renovations have been consolidated into one full week.

"We waited until we had enough of the DFAC complete to shut down the facility for no more than seven days to finish the bulk of the reconstruction," said Adams.

"Within the next week the two main entrances to the DFAC will be completely renovated and we will be able to open back up again," he added.

Even though seven days may seem like a long wait for troops in Dragon City who now have to travel to other DFACs, Adams said the contractors have a lot to accomplish in seven days.

"The ceiling, floor tiles, windows and doors must be completely replaced and the walls have to be painted by Monday of next week," said Adams. "We are also moving the entire kitchen to another section of the DFAC for more room."

"We have about 30 contractors working until at least (1230Z) every day to complete the reconstruction on time," Adams added. "Our deadline is breakfast the morning of June 30 and we can't afford to go even an hour over that."

As inconveniencing as the reconstruction may be, it will be worth the wait according to Adams.

"The newly renovated DFAC will be able to serve and seat more troops and have a kitchen three times the size of the one now to accommodate more meal preparation," said Adams. "It will also move the cooking and dish-washing facilities that are currently in tents into the hard structure which is more sanitary for hygiene purposes."

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to its prewar condition included the refurbishing of 33 rooms, repairing the roof and replacing electricity. The project also replaced doors and windows and repaired plaster, concrete and plumbing. The repairs were funded by the Overseas Humanitarian Disaster Assistance and Civil Action and cost over \$26,000.

"It now joins the hundreds of clinics, schools, wells and bridges in every part of Afghanistan," said Fuller. "The education of this nation's youth is the highest priority of President Karzai's administration. This school will improve the lives of thousands of students."

The ceremony included a walking tour of the completed classrooms and a luncheon for the guests and the unveiling of a plaque. Classes have already resumed in the school.



Students of Mahmood Hotaky line up to welcome honored guests to the ceremony.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: "National Security." Two mismatched security guards are thrown together to bust a smuggling operation.

Tomorrow's movie will be "The Core."



Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 93F L: 66F	<i>Clear</i> H: 93F L: 66F
Kandahar:	<i>Dust</i> H: 104F L: 72F	<i>Haze</i> H: 104F L: 73F
Kabul:	<i>Dust</i> H: 95F L: 68F	<i>Haze</i> H: 95F L: 68F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 101F L: 61F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 103F L: 63F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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Coalition Sports Zone

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Kaye beats Rollins in playoff

HARRISON, N.Y. — Jonathan Kaye made quick work of the par-5 18th hole — and dispatched John Rollins in a hurry, too.

After birdieing the 526-yard hole twice in regulation Sunday, Kaye made a 12-foot eagle putt from the back fringe on the first hole of a playoff with Rollins to win the Buick Classic — his first PGA Tour title.

“I had the exact same number to the pin the first time around coming through there,” Kaye said of his approach shot from 252 yards. “I hit it pretty good the first time, but I misjudged the wind. The second time, I had a little better angle and I knew I could hit it as hard as I could.”

On the final hole of regulation, he holed a 4-foot birdie putt to match Rollins at 13-under 271 on the saturated Westchester Country Club course.

“That was definitely more pressure. If you don’t birdie 18, you’re not in the playoff,” said Kaye, a five-time runner-up who lost a playoff to Chris Riley last year in the Reno-Tahoe Open. “I’ve had a lot of chances and haven’t come through, so it’s nice to finally come out on top. That’s why we’re all out here to win.”

Wie becomes youngest to win a USGA adult event

PALM COAST, Fla. — The walls in Michelle Wie’s bedroom are plastered with pictures of Tiger Woods. She copied his Sunday wardrobe, changing into a red shirt between rounds because her mother wanted her to wear a strong color.

Even some of the shots were familiar.

None was more spectacular than a 5-iron out of the bunker, over the water and right at the pin on the par-5 sixth hole to make birdie at a critical juncture in her comeback to win the U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links.

Everyone knew the 13-year-old player from Hawaii had unlimited talent.

Now she has a trophy.

“I’ve never won a national title,” Wie said. “Pretty cool.”

Wie outlasted former NCAA champion Virada Nirapathpongorn



John Rollins missed his birdie putt in the playoff, but in the end it didn't make a difference as Jonathan Kaye made eagle.

for a 1-up victory at Ocean Hammock to become the youngest winner in the 27-year history of the Women’s Amateur Public Links.

“I’m happy out of my mind,” said Wie, who starts the ninth grade at Punahou School in Honolulu later this summer, taking courses like Geometry, Chinese, Biology and English.

“I like beating a lot of people. I’m glad I survived all those matches.”

It wasn’t easy for the 5-foot-11 girl, whom Tom Lehman once dubbed the “Big Wiesy” because her swing reminds so many of Ernie Els (nicknamed the Big Easy).

She was 1 down and standing in a waste bunker on No. 6 in the afternoon round, listening to her father and caddie, B.J. Wie, hesitate over her club selection.

“He was like, ‘Uh, uh ...’ and I was like, ‘I’m going for it,’” Wie said.

The ball shot out of the sand and went straight for the flag, stopping just over the green for a birdie, part of a three-hole stretch when she took control of the match.

It was reminiscent of when Woods, her idol, won the Canadian Open in 2000 with a 6-iron from 218 yards out of the bunker and over the water on the final hole.

Irwin had already won once at Inverness Club, in 1979

TOLEDO, Ohio — Two-time U.S. Senior Open champion Hale Irwin dropped out of this week’s tournament on Monday because of a back injury.

Irwin’s back has been bothering him off and on for several weeks. It forced him to pull out of the U.S. Open two weeks ago when his back “seized up” after a tee shot.

A member of the Hall of Fame, the 58-year-old Irwin won the U.S. Open in 1974, 1979 and 1990.

His victory in 1979 came at the Inverness Club, which is hosting the Senior Open.

He won the Senior Open in 1998 and 2000 and finished in a tie for 11th last year.

Irwin has 30 victories on the PGA Tour and 37 as a senior. His combined career earnings of almost \$30 million are second only to Tiger Woods.

Teske wins for second straight week; Ochoa runner-up

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Rachel Teske held off hard-charging rookie Lorena Ochoa with a 4-under 68 Sunday to capture the Rochester

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LPGA, her second consecutive tournament win for the second time in her career.

"I couldn't have asked for a better day," said the 31-year-old Australian, who beat Annika Sorenstam in a playoff in her previous outing. "To play well last week and then to finish it off strong today, it's really satisfying."

Teske finished at 11-under 277, retaining the four-stroke lead she carried into the final round at the tree-lined Locust Hill course. It was her eighth win in seven years on the U.S. tour.

Ochoa, a 21-year-old from Guadalajara, Mexico, surged in with a tournament-low 66 to land in sole second place at 7-under.

South Korea's Grace Park shot 69 to finish third at 6-under, one ahead of compatriot Se Ri Pak and Brandie Burton, a two-time major champion who is winless since 1998. Tammie Green, the 1993 champion, closed with a 69 to get to 3-under.

It was Ochoa's fifth top-10 finish this year, her previous best was a tie for second at the Michelob Light Open in May. It moved her up to fourth on this year's money list with \$494,128, one spot ahead of Teske.

"I did very good and I'm very excited," Ochoa said. "I was trying to go for all the pins, tried to really be aggressive on my putts for birdie and it worked."

Tewell outduels Darcy in playoff

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Doug Tewell might have discovered the perfect remedy for his golf game — an aching back.

Tewell birdied the third hole of a playoff with Eamonn Darcy of Ireland on Sunday to win the Farmers Charity Classic on the Champions Tour.

Two days before the tournament, Tewell was troubled by back pain. But by Friday's opening round he was fine.

"This game is so crazy," he said. "When you least expect it is when you play well."

Tewell won with a 14-foot putt after the two finished the 54-hole event at 15 under 201. He closed with a 6-under 66 and Darcy with a 65.

Tewell, 53, has won seven times on the Champions Tour but is the tour's 16th winner in 16 events this year.

He hit a 4-iron from 214 yards to 15 feet on the 518-yard, par-5 17th hole, setting up the eagle putt that put him in the playoff.

"That was one of the best shots I've hit in that situation in a long time," he said.



Rachel Teske won back-to-back weeks for the second time in her career Sunday.

Darcy had a chance to win on the first playoff hole but missed a 6-foot par putt after using a 5-wood to chip onto the green from the rough behind the green.

"I tweaked it a little left and it stayed left," Darcy said, referring to his putt. "It would have been a very good thing (to win), but it wasn't my turn."

Price, McCarron hold one-stroke edge

BARRINGTON, R.I. — Nick Price and Chris McCarron combined for a 10-under 61 and took a one-stroke lead over three teams in the first round of the CVS Charity Classic on Monday.

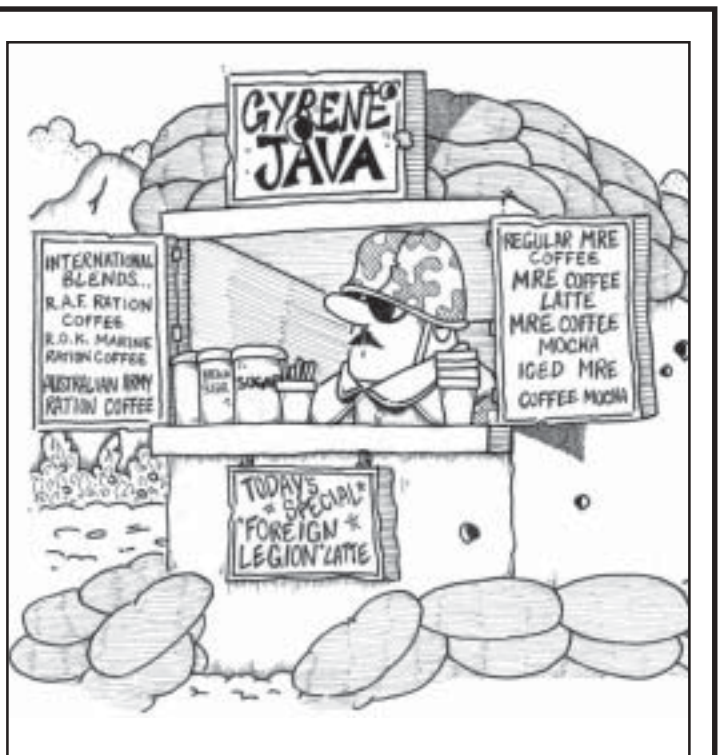
Price, who will be inducted into the PGA Hall of Fame on Oct. 20, and McCarron, who won nearly \$2 million last year, combined for 11 birdies and one bogey on the 6,688-yard Rhode Island Country Club course, which was saturated Sunday by 2 inches of rain.

Tied for second in the 36-hole, best-ball format were Barrington natives Dana Quigley, who has eight victories on the PGA Champions Tour, and his nephew, Brett, who led the 2003 U.S. Open after the first round; Davis Love III and Fred Couples; and Peter Jacobsen and Jerry Kelly.

Defending champions Chris DiMarco and Dudley Hart were tied with four other teams at 63. There were 10 teams in the field of the \$1.2 million event.

Rich Beem and Tom Herron, who were also at 63, had the day's low nine-hole score, a 7-under 28 on the back.

Players were allowed to lift, clean and place in the fairways because of the soggy conditions.



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